

off," and if they will not listen, or attempt to resist your will, we shall place upon them an arm stronger than theirs, and put them within prescribed limits, beyond which they cannot escape to trouble." This is a great amount of privilege at a very small expense and trouble, a vast amount more than we could achieve by our own individual effort. Therefore there is no blood-money here.

Another source of revenue to the country, is that which is derived from marriage licenses. The government of the country says to us, "It is your right to take advantage of the divinely appointed conjugal affinity, or relationship existing between the sexes, and thereby virtually establish the home and perpetuate the race. But for the right to enjoy this sacred privilege we lay a tax at its threshold." What do they give us in return? They give us the sacred and indisputable enjoyment of the institution in the social economy that is the base of national greatness, social happiness, and moral purity. That which makes "home" and "mother" the sweetest words in all human language is the fact that they are the *divinest* words in all language human. Besides, the government provides for the entailment of our accumulations and labors to our posterity. If our wills are made according to the mutual compact between us, they provide for its execution. If by accident or otherwise we fail to do this, they see to its retention in and equitable distribution among our posterity. These again are incalculable blessings secured to us at a cost of labor and anxiety infinitely less than we could secure them by our unconcerted efforts. No "blood-money" here. Does some one object that this is not a source of revenue to the country at all, inasmuch as all the revenue derived out of the fees for marriage licenses is expended in paying the agents who executed them and secured their registration? We reply, is not that the design of all public taxation, to meet the expense in the enactment and enforcement to the end of public protection and comfort?

Another source of revenue is that derived from public works, such as post offices, railroads, canals, etc.